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# The Shul Spiel



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## Shabbat Services:

Friday Evening Services  
Streaming and In-Person  
at 7:30pm

**Saturday Morning Services**  
Streaming and In-Person at 10:00am

**Streaming at**  
<http://agudathshreveport.com/live-stream>

## **From our Rabbi...**

### **Bittersweet News from Rabbis Rubinstein**

Haverim Y'karim,  
Dear Friends,

Last month, Rabbi Feivel received and accepted an offer to be Director of Jewish Life and Learning at Ann and Nate Levine Academy in Dallas. As some of his private students attend Levine Academy, the school learned about Rabbi Feivel through those students and reached out to him for an interview. After speaking to the faculty and administration and visiting the school, Rabbi Feivel learned that this position truly is his dream job. As his position begins in July, we will be moving to Dallas over the summer.

Through June, I will continue to serve Agudath Achim full-time. From July forward, I do not know what that means for me, professionally. I have a few options going forward, but if the congregation still would like, I would love to continue serving Agudath Achim in some capacity and to help to figure out next steps. Rabbi Feivel and I would also love to continue contributing as members, as Agudath Achim has been a wonderful family the past four years.

Our decision to make this move has nothing to do with any negative opinions about Agudath Achim; we have been fortunate to spend the last four years learning and growing with you. If you have questions about this decision, please reach out to me. I am more than happy to speak on a phone call, in my office, or over coffee. You are welcome to schedule time with me at <https://calendly.com/rabbisydni>. As you discuss the future of our congregation with fellow community members, please remember the Jewish value of avoiding lashon ha-ra, talk about others without their consent.

I am looking forward to my last few months in person with Agudath Achim. Thank you for all of the support you have given Rabbi Feivel, Shalom, and me over the past four years.

With love and blessings,  
Rabbi Sydni

**HADASSAH**



## **Hadassah Shower of Dollars: Special Speaker Even**

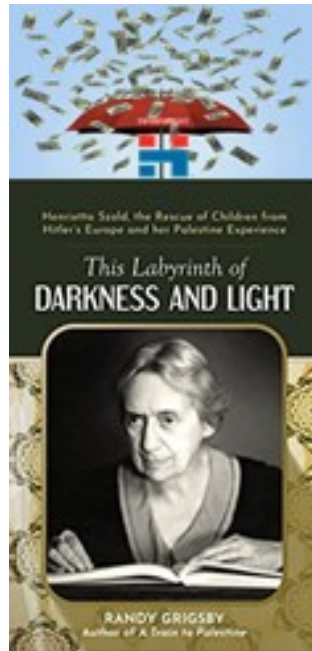
**Tuesday, May 16, 2023 • 25 Iyar 5783**

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Athena Greek & Lebanese Grill  
6030 Line Ave Suite 410 Shreveport, LA 71106

The Shower of Dollars is a long-time traditional opportunity for members, and prospective members to visit with each other, learn about Hadassah news, and make donations to Hadassah.

The Hadassah Shower of Dollars this year will be a lunchtime event. Join us at "Athena's" and buy your own Middle-Eastern lunch.

We will hear about what is going on in Hadassah from our regional officers.



The guest speaker will be Randy Grigsby, author of "This Labyrinth of Darkness and Light: Henrietta Szold, the Rescue of Children from Hitler's Europe and her Palestine Experience." Mr. Grigsby will discuss details from his recent book about the founder of Hadassah, Henrietta Szold.

## **News from the North Louisiana Jewish Federation**



### **The Religious School**

So far there are **six individuals committed to attending the ISJL conference** in June. Please let me know if you'd like to learn more about attending the conference or helping with Religious School in the 23-24 school year!

Barbara Joseph  
Religious School Director

### **Save the Date:**

The North Louisiana Jewish Federations's annual meeting will be Sunday, June 11 and will include dinner at Antonio's at 4800 Line Ave. It's Free to anyone who has contributed a minimum of \$100 since the last annual meeting.

Camp Chai is happening this July for campers age 3 to 13.

Complete [this interest form](#) to let us know to contact you with

## Oneg/Kiddush Hosts

### Many thanks to those that are signing up!

If you enjoy the camaraderie after the Friday night and Saturday morning services, Please sign up to be a host . Depending on your menu, you can do an oneg and luncheon for approximately \$36 or more if you want fancy.

If you're not able to prepare the luncheon in the synagogue kitchen during the week (M-F-9am 1pm); you can drop off the ingredients and recipe for Julie. She's a gem!!

Cookies and crackers with hekhshers are available even in the dollar stores. Feel free to use items in the refrigerator, such as salad dressings. Folders with all the "how to" menu suggestions, etc. are in the kitchen and office.

Our tummies thank you!

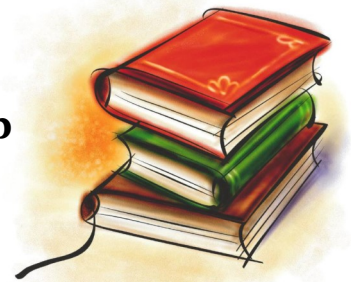


### Yasher Koach to our Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors

May 5-6th	Rabbis Sydni and Feivel Rubinstein	
May 12-13th	Elisheva Casteel	In memory of David Casteel
May 19-20th	Rebecca Austin	
May 26th	Dr. Pamela Hebert	For recovery of Bob Lachman



### People of the Book Club



**Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:00pm - B'nai Zion Parlor**

*Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*  
by Gabriella Zevi - fiction

Email Helaine Braunig (braunigw@aol.com) if you have any questions.

# Agudath Achim Life

## Cemetery Committee

**Our Cemetery Committee needs support.** If anyone is interested in joining the Cemetery Committee, please contact David Ginsburg at 318-469-8503 or email him at [deginsburg@att.net](mailto:deginsburg@att.net).

## Men's Club



Men's Club will be hosting a **luncheon on Sunday, May 7th** 12:30pm. Cost is \$3 per person. Menu will include:

There will be a feature presentation of the trip to Cuba by Dr. David and Susan Gross. It particularly reflects on the Jewish communities, past and present in Cuba.

A Minyan will follow the presentation.



## Gift Shop

Our Gift Shop is open Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please stop by to see our new items soon.

## Sisterhood

Thank you to all who have us as the recipient for the Kroger Community rewards program. Our organization number is **KK925**. After linking your rewards card to KK925, the more you shop, the more Kroger donates to us.

Don't forget as you are traveling and vacationing this summer to bring back your toiletries for the Project Celebration Inc's Domestic Violence Shelter.

Thank you to all who put your canned drink pull tabs in the Ronald McDonald House Charity jar.

**A special thank you** to Tina Salley who donated over 3,000 tabs.

# Mazel Tov!

**Congratulations to Caleb Joseph on graduating from high school.**



## May Celebrations



Michelle Brooks	05/03
Justin Dodson	05/05
Anya Jeanmard	05/06
David Schwartz	05/14
Moriah Herniter	05/15
Ivy Joseph	05/19
Feivel Rubinstein	05/23
Dr. Jeffrey LeBlang	05/26
Naomi "Lex" Austin	05/28

*Mazel Tov*  
מזל טוב



Ana Murov Bat Mitzvah

Agudath Achim will be joining B'nai Zion in  
celebrating with the Murov family on  
Saturday, May 27th 10:00am - 12:00pm at B'nai Zion

# Shabbat Shalom

## May Schedule of Readings



Saturday	May 6	Torah Haftarah	Shabbat <i>Parashat Emor</i> Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Ezekiel 44:15-31
Saturday	May 13	Torah Maftir	Shabbat <i>Parashot Behar + Behukkotay</i> Leviticus 25:1-27:34 Leviticus 25:35-38 Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
Saturday	May 20	Torah Haftarah	Shabbat Shahrith <i>Bamidar</i> Numbers 1:1-4:20 1 Samuel 20:18-42
Saturday	May 27	Torah Maftir Haftarah	Shabbat <i>Yizkor Shavuot</i> Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 Numbers 28:26-31 Habakkuk 3:1-19

# Exploring Judaism (on Zoom)

## Thursdays at noon

Exploring Judaism is a course for people of all backgrounds - Jews who want to learn more about their religion and heritage, community members who want to learn more about their Jewish friends and family, and people who want to walk on the path towards Jewish conversion.

This year, we'll meet on Zoom only, Thursdays at noon. As in past years, we'll learn with the Miller Intro to Judaism (American Jewish University) curriculum. Agudath Achim members may attend the course for free. Non-members will pay \$180 for the full 19 weeks and a print textbook or \$60 per 6-week section. Please contact Rabbi Sydni (rabbi@agudathshreveport.com) to sign up or learn more information! Cost should not be a barrier, so please join us, whether or not these numbers are within your ability.

## 929 Learning : Age Old Text, New Perspectives

### Saturdays, 1:30 pm



Each week, we learn through five chapters of Tanakh, with the goal of completing all 929. After Shabbat lunch, a different teacher each week will present some of the ideas they found most interesting from this portion.

The schedule for May will be:

May 6	Rebecca Austin
May 13	
May 20	
May 27	

## **We need 929 Learning Leaders!**

We still need leaders for April and May.

If you would like to sign up using the website, go to:

<https://agudathshreveport.com/929-class-leading.html>



# May Yahrzeits

## Week of

April 30 - May 6  
Fannie Goldman

## Week of

May 7- May 13  
Betty L. Marcovitz  
Robert L. Diebner  
Lynne Goldberg

## Week of

May 14-20  
Frieda Kottle  
Sylvia G. Rubenstein  
Herbert Diebner  
David Casteel  
Abe Diebner

## Week of

**May 21-27**  
Hannah Gilinsky  
Mildred Rubin

## Week of

May 28-June 3  
Marvin Rubinstein  
Matilde Hemsani

## Donations

### In Beloved Memory of:

Matilde Hemsani  
Ed Diebner  
Mildred Rubin

### By:

Sara Tebele  
David and Sandra Ginsburg  
Rabbi Foster and Vivian Ka-



### In Honor of:

Bob and Deena Lachman and  
Seder Krewe

### By:

David and Sandra Ginsburg

### For recovery of:

Bob Lachman  
Mark Lobel

### By:

Richard and Sara Zweig  
David and Sandra Ginsburg

While every effort is made to provide accurate and current information, if there are any omissions or errors, please advise the office so that corrections can be made. Thank you.

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Cheshbon - Cheshbon													
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
7  16 Iyar  31st Day Omer  12:30pm Men's Club Luncheon	1	10 Iyar  25th Day Omer	2	11 Iyar  26th Day Omer	3	12 Iyar  27th Day Omer	4	13 Iyar  28th Day Omer 12:00pm Exploring Judaism (on zoom)	5	14 Iyar  29th Day Omer	6 Iyar  30th Day Omer  <i>Emor</i>	15	
	8	17 Iyar  32nd Day Omer	9	18 Iyar  <i>Lag Ba'omer</i> 33th Day Omer	10	19 Iyar  34th Day Omer	11	20 Iyar  35th Day Omer	12	21 Iyar  36th Day Omer	13 Iyar  <i>Behar-Bechukotai</i> 37th Day Omer	22	
	15	24 Iyar  39th Day Omer	16	25 Iyar  40th Day Omer 12:30pm Hadassah Shower of Dollars at Athena's	17	26 Iyar  41st Day Omer	18	27 Iyar  42nd Day Omer 12:00pm Exploring Judaism (on zoom)	19	28 Iyar  <i>Yom Yerushalayin</i> 43rd Day Omer	20 Iyar  <i>Shabbat Mevarchim</i> 44th Day Omer	29	
	22	2 Sivan  46th Day Omer	23	3 Sivan  47th Day Omer	24	4 Sivan  48th Day Omer	25	5 Sivan  <i>Erev Shavuot</i> 49th Day Omer 12:00pm Exploring Judaism (on zoom) Tikkun Leil Shavuot (on zoom)	26	6 Sivan  <i>Shavuot I</i> 10:00am Shavuot I with Yizkor  <b>Office Closed</b> 7:00pm to 10:00pm Learn with the Experts on Shavuot	27 Sivan  <i>Shavuot II</i>	7	
	29	9 Sivan  <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>											
28 3:00pm Memorial Service	8 Sivan											9:04pm Havdalah	